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H.Res. 1287– Commending the Honor Flight Network, its volunteers, and donors, for enabling World War II veterans to travel to our Nation's capital to see the World War II Memorial created in their honor

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1287 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Jerry Moran (R-KS) on June 19, 2008. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1287 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 22, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1287 resolves that the House of Representatives expresses its deepest appreciation to the Honor Flight Network, its volunteers, and donors, who honor America's World War II veterans with an opportunity to see the World War II Memorial in Washington, District of Columbia.

BACKGROUND

In 2004, the World War II Memorial was completed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., almost sixty years after that conflict ended. The monument honors the service, sacrifice, and victory of American veterans of World War II. Most of these veterans are in their 80s and 90s and as such are unable to physically or financially travel unaccompanied to the World War II Memorial.

The Honor Flight Network is a nonprofit organization which provides free, all-expenses paid trips to Washington, D.C. for World War II veterans. Currently, about 6,000 veterans are on the group's waiting list. Among applicants, top priority is given to veterans with terminal illness. An estimated 2.5 million World War II veterans are alive today.

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